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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Toshiyuki GENDOH, et al.

Serial No. 10/018,931

Group Art Unit: 1725

Confirmation No. 8193

Filed: December 26, 2001

Examiner: Len Tran

For: METHOD OF PROCESSING METAL MEMBERS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 18, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on May 18, 2003 (Sunday).

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** claims 1, 2, 6 and 9 as follows:

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1. (ONCE AMENDED) A method of processing metal members, comprising:
joining lapped portions of first and second metal members comprising lapping the first and second metal members one over the other;
pressing a planar tip of a rotor, which is rotating around a central axis thereof and has a concave portion formed substantially at a center of said planer tip, against a surface of the